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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
and AMARGOSA CONSERVANCY,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

DEBRA HAALAND in her official capacity
as Secretary of the Interior, TRACY STONE-
MANNING in her official capacity as the
Director of the Bureau of Land Management,
U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, and
NICHOLAS B. PAY in his official capacity
as Field Manager of the Bureau of Land
Management Pahrump Field Office,

Defendants.

Case No: 2:23-cv-1049-JAD-NJK

ORDER GRANTING
JOINT MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF
SCHEDULING ORDER REGARDING
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
PROCEEDINGS

ECF No. 7

1 Plaintiffs, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Amargosa Conservancy, along with
 2 the Federal Defendants, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, et al.
 3 (“BLM”), hereby jointly move for issuance by this Court of a scheduling order to govern
 4 proceedings on Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction and related matters in this case.
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6 Plaintiffs filed their complaint on July 7, 2023, challenging BLM’s review and approval of
 7 the “Let’s Go Lithium” exploration project (“Project”) (ECF No. 1). Plaintiffs intend to seek
 8 injunctive relief from this Court to prevent any ground disturbance associated with the Project
 9 until their claims against BLM in this case can be adjudicated. Federal Defendants dispute
 10 Plaintiffs’ entitlement to injunctive relief.

11 However, Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants have agreed to coordinate regarding a
 12 proposed schedule for preliminary injunction proceedings and related matters in this case in an
 13 effort to avoid any need for immediate temporary restraining order proceedings and otherwise to
 14 ensure orderly presentation of Plaintiffs’ request for relief to this Court.

15 Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants propose the following briefing and argument schedule
 16 for this Court’s approval:

17 Plaintiffs’ filing of motion for preliminary injunction	July 17, 2023
18 Federal Defendants filing of response in opposition to 19 Plaintiffs’ motion	July 24, 2023 (9am pacific time)
20 Plaintiffs’ filing of reply in support of motion	July 28, 2023

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 23 Based on information received by counsel for the Federal Defendants, Rover Metals, the
 24 Project Proponent, anticipates the commencement of ground disturbance as soon as August 1,
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2023.¹ Thus, Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants request that this Court schedule oral argument on Plaintiffs' motion on **July 31, 2023**, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, the parties respectfully request that this Court adopt and issue the parties' proposed scheduling order for preliminary injunction proceedings and related matters in this case.

Dated July 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Scott Lake

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ORDER

With good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED that the joint motion [ECF No. 7] is GRANTED and the parties' stipulated briefing schedule will apply.

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